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The Perfect Life

Only one life there is without a stain,
Accomplishing the Father's perfect will,
With highest aim, yet never aimed in vain,
Attempting nought which must be tried
again:

Even all the thoughts of God it did fulfil.

Perfect the sinless beauty of His ways,
Perfect the wisdom of His faithful love;
Perfect the trust that walked with God
always,—

Perfect in suffering, perfect in the praise
Which still like incense rose to heaven
above.

Oh! fairer Thou than sons of men ! and yet
Not terrible Thy beauty. In sweet accord
All tender graces in Thy being met,
And of their fulness all Thy people get
Still growing to the fulness of their Lord.

—Walter Smith

The Making of Self

A Persian allegory tells of two young men who died and found themselves in the eternal world. One of them was met by a fearsome hag, from whom he drew back in horror. To the other there appeared a beautiful maiden who led him through the gates of paradise to the fairest scenes and rarest enjoyments.

Who were these? Each youth asked, and to each the answer came: "I am your *self* as you have formed it and sent it on before you.

There is this truth in the allegory, that each thought and word and deed in our daily life is leaving its effect, good or evil, on that innermost part of us which we call the self. Our self is not something that is made ;

it is something that is being made, and we ourselves are the makers. Some day we shall have to face the self which we are now making.

How much we need the help of God through the blessed Holy Spirit whom He has promised, that the self we are making, will bring us at last enduring joy and satisfaction !

"Your King and Country Need You"

By Rev. Ronald Macleod, B.A.

This short sentence is the British call to arms. It is very simple and very brief; but it sent a thrill through millions of hearts. In letters of red and gold, from every government building in Britain it makes its powerful appeal in the name of the king. In the moment of danger it flashed across the seas, and from every part of the empire brave men hurried to obey the call. We are proud that the sons of Canada were not behind in rallying to the flag.

But there is a call for king and country which many have not heard and some will not hear. There is a king above all kings who needs you. The war to which He calls you is also for freedom and honor and native land and the peace of the world. It will be a long war; it will last your life time. It must be fought to a finish. In this war every one must take sides; there will be no place for neutrals. What are you going to do about it? Jesus will have no pressed soldiers; He calls for volunteers. There is no age limit, the younger you are the better. If you follow Him you will never be beaten back. If you do not obey, the loss and the disgrace will be yours.